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GROUP 3634
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Gregory Strimbu

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For: WEATHER STRIP WITH A PRESSURE SENSITIVE SAFETY SWITCH FOR AN
OPENING WITH WHICH A MOTOR-DRIVEN CLOSURE ELEMENT IS
ASSOCIATED

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In the Final Office Action of March 30, 2004, Claim 4, the sole claim remaining in the application was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in Figure 1 in view of Griesbach et al. The Examiner has taken the position that it would be obvious to provide the admitted prior art shown in Figure 1 of the present application with a protrusion on the base member similar to the protrusion 38 of Griesbach et al. to allow for the accurate transmission of force to the pressure sensor.

It is submitted that the structure and operation of the Griesbach et al. jamming-detection device is so entirely different in principle and operation from the admitted prior art of Figure 1

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